



## Standardized NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Training Wisconsin Training Schedule

Dear Prospective Student,

For many years kids have been endangered on the roadway because parents and other caregivers are unable to correctly restrain them as they travel. In 1997 the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)** created a standardized course to teach a variety of professionals how to help parents do a better job of protecting their children and reducing the number 1 killer of our children today --motor vehicle crashes.

### **Who should attend?**

All advocates who service families. The standardized training course is targeted to child passenger safety professionals and advocates aspiring to become technically competent to participate in, or conduct child safety seat clinics, and who are responsible for educating the public regarding correct safety seat choices and installations.

### **The course reviews:**

- Injury prevention
- Crash Dynamics
- Seat Selection
- Identifying misuse and correcting it
- Basic special needs
- Your state law

### **Upon completion participants:**

- Become entry-level technicians certified by National SAFE KIDS
- Develop technical skills regarding child passenger protection
- Become a community resource
- Educate others in child passenger safety issues
- Reduce potential liability for your agency

The class is 4 or 5 days long and provides hands-on experience, critiquing and installing car seats. Though physically demanding, persons with disabilities have completed the course. The purpose of becoming a CPS Technician is to be able to explain to parents and other caregivers the elements of correct car seat installation. Therefore, the ability to talk someone through an installation is more critical than the ability to do an installation.

**To complete the course satisfactorily, there are specific expectations:** You'll need to attend ALL of the classes – all day all four days. If there is inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, we

may have to alter the schedule slightly during the class so please be aware that you may need to be flexible with your schedule.

- 1) Successful completion of the class will result in CPS certification for a two-year period. *However, your training does not end with the class.* You will need to work with more experienced technicians and network with other techs in your area. To accomplish this, you will need to attend at least 2 child safety seat check events each year.
- 2) You will also need to stay up to date on this ever-changing subject by reading technically accurate publications and annually attending an update/refreshers class and/or CPS related conferences and conventions. Resources are also available on the web as well as hotlines and local resources that will be discussed during the class.

**Reduced resources have decreased the number of class sessions available.**

**So if you feel you cannot meet these expectations, please reconsider registering.**

Over the years we have discovered that some of our best student technicians have done little or nothing with their training because their employers have not supported their efforts to properly protect the child passengers of their community. We can no longer afford to train students who cannot utilize the skills they acquire in this course. *For this reason, we are asking that each technician candidate and his/her supervisor sign the registration in agreement of the expectations*

To ensure that there are a variety of opportunities for you to practice your newfound craft, we will put you in touch with the instructors and other organizations in your area responsible for scheduling car seat inspection events. WCPA (Wisconsin Child Passenger Safety Association) website, [www.wcpsa.com](http://www.wcpsa.com) also lists scheduled events.

### **FEES:**

Each participant is charged \$250.00 fee for registration (\$500 for out-of-state residents). From this fee sixty dollars covers your first 2 years of CPS certification and the remaining toward training expenses. Lunch is included. The fee is **NOT** refundable. Transferring to another class is possible ten (10) or more business days prior to class. Class size is limited by the size of the facility and availability of instructors so, please register early to ensure your place in class. Many classes have a waiting list, therefore cancellations and no-shows will be charged unrecoverable, additional \$250.00. Purchase orders are accepted with the registration form.

### **Make checks payable to:**

Wisconsin CPS Training  
52 Sunset Blvd.  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

Participants will receive a confirmation letter that will be mailed prior to class with class location, address, map and hotel information. Please call if you do not receive a letter.

We sincerely hope you choose to participate in this course. The safety of the kids in Wisconsin depends on our ability to give their parents correct information. Your commitment to this program will prove to be a valuable resource to your community. **Please call with questions: 715-346-0055.**

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